

## **Public Notice – Environmental Project**

### **PURPOSE OF NOTICE:**

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in Alexandria, Virginia.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

**December 13, 2012 to January 15, 2013**

### **TYPE OF RESPONSE:**

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing the proposed construction of a new Metrorail station on the Blue and Yellow Lines between National Airport and Braddock Road in Alexandria to determine whether the project would be consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water, and other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

### **NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:**

U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Transit Administration (City of Alexandria, project sponsor and joint lead agency)

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the City of Alexandria propose to construct a new Metrorail station serving the Blue and Yellow Lines between the National Airport station and the Braddock Road station. The project area is bounded by U.S. Route 1 on the west, the George Washington Memorial Parkway (Parkway) and Potomac Greens Drive on the east, Slaters Lane on the south, and the Airport's access road on the north. The new station would serve existing neighborhoods and retail centers as well as the high-density, transit-oriented development planned by the City of Alexandria. It would allow access to the Metrorail system for the Route 1 corridor of north Alexandria.

The FTA intends to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the project as well as this federal consistency determination. Four alternatives, including a no-action alternative, are under consideration for the new station.

FTA certifies that the proposed project complies with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) and will be constructed in a manner consistent with the VCP.

### **HOW TO COMMENT:**

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax, or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project document at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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